

History 301W
Psychoanalysis in American Society
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Office Hours: Monday 10-12 and by
appointment

January 19 -- Introduction and Orientation

January 26 -- Freud, Five Lectures on Psychoanalysis

February 2 -- Freud, Five Lectures
Hale, The Rise and Crisis of Psychoanalysis in the United States, Intro, Chaps. 1-2

February 9 -- Hale, Rise and Crisis, Chaps. 3-5

February 16 -- Hale, Rise and Crisis, Chaps. 6-8

February 23 -- Hale, Rise and Crisis, Chaps. 9-11

[Essay I (due March 2): Describe the major pathways by which psychoanalysis gained acceptance in the United States before the beginning of World War II. Discuss both medical and non-medical pathways, and specify sources of resistance as well as of receptivity. Finally, identify ways in which psychoanalysis may have been changed in the process of gaining acceptance.]

March 2 -- Hale, Rise and Crisis, Chaps. 12-14

March 16 -- Hale, Rise and Crisis, Chaps. 15-17

March 23 -- Hale, Rise and Crisis, Chaps. 18-20

[Essay II (due April 6): Psychoanalysis seemed to be at a peak of popularity in the United States in 1956, the year marking the centennial of Sigmund Freud's birth. Yet in less than a decade, signs that the field was beginning to lose popularity were clearly evident, and within two decades there were unmistakable indications of substantial retreat. Explain the principal reasons for the loss in popularity psychoanalysis seemed to experience between 1956 and 1976. Were there, perhaps, ways in which appearances were deceptive?]

March 30 -- Preliminary presentations and discussion of term paper ideas - I

April 6 -- Preliminary presentations and discussion - II

April 13 -- Films: "Let There Be Light" and "Monica"

April 20 -- Film: "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden"

April 27 -- Presentations of term paper abstracts (10 minutes each)

Term Papers Due: May 8th